aid on recurring basis cr ad-hoc basis to Indian Council of World Affairs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government funding to the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) was discontinued in 1985. In pursuance of the recommendations of the Standing Committee of Parliament, the Govemment has decided that a high-powered committee should be constituted to look into the problems being fa;ed by ICWA and suggest solutions. Any isupervisory/advii-sory committee can only be constituted in pursuance of a request made by this organisation. The governing body of the Council |s presently being persuaded to pass a resolution requesting the Government to 'set up such a high-powered committee. If and when this committee is established, the Governmsnt may provide funding on ad hoc/recurring basis. The quantum of such funding will have! to be decided only at that time.

Violation of Human Rights in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir

5455. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-
BHAIIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any account of the reported uprising of the people and violation of their human rights in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, during the three years; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to inform the international community about the atrocities and violation of human rights perpetuatsd on the people of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government are aware that people liv ing in areas of Jammu & Kashmir, ille gally occupied by Pakistan through agg ression are denied their democrat!? rigfcti. *According to* avaiable *informa*-tion, it curring violence, sectarian strife and economic deprivation and backwan' - nass seriously affect the rights aad privileges of the people of these areas.

Government have and will contiue to apprise the international community of the true facts of the deplorable conditions prevailing in the Pakistan - Occupied Kashmir and the so-called 'Northern Areas'.

Pakistan's Declartajon about its Nuclear Programme

5456. SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-
BHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

fa)i whether Government .are aware that Pakistan had declared that it was neither fair nor feasible for Islamabad to accept obligations and restraints regarding its nuclear programme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Pakistan! was not being asked to sign the Nuclear Non-proliferatio Treaty (NPT) unilaterally and was also not being pressed to roll back its nuclear programmes; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government and steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government has seen media reports quoting Pakistani leaders that Pakistan will not accept any unilateral restraints on its nuclear programme.